

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF NOVEMBER 27, 2012
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEADOWS PLACE, TEXAS

The regular meeting of the Meadows Place City Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Charles Jessup, Meadows Place City Hall, One Troyan Drive, Meadows Place, Texas, with notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject thereof having been posted as prescribed by Section 551.041, TGC with the following members present and in attendance:

Mayor: Charles Jessup

Aldermen: Terry Morgan
John Isbell
John Whiteman
Dave Wilkens

thus constituting a quorum

Absent: Terry Henley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Whiteman and Councilman Wilkens gave the invocation.

Chief Gary Stewart provided the Meadows Place Police Department update. There were 12 accidents reported, 11 arrest and 1836 service calls. There were 43 reports and 452 traffic violations with 0 charges. Residential burglaries were down from 3 to 1 and commercial burglaries were down from 3 to 0. There were approximately 30 attendees at the last Neighborhood Watch meeting held at the new Tactical Training Center. The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held, Wednesday November 28 at 7 pm, topic will be holiday safety. The Meadows Place Police Department will continue TLC Program to help mitigate criminal activity. Latest TLC survey made 65 contacts with 46 passing and 19 failing. Reported accidents are up from 7 to 12, primarily on West Airport. The problem spot is West Airport in front of Wallis State Bank. The Meadows Place Police Department is preparing for Christmas memories. The Meadows Place Police Department arrested 3 convicted felons attempting a residential burglary after Meadows Place Public Works Director Dan McGraw contacted Meadows Police Department in reference to suspicious activity. Arrests included; 2 public intoxication arrests, assault, Family violence, Driving While License Invalid, Possession of Controlled Substance, and warrants.

Mayor Jessup stated that he is proud to announce that Chief Gary Stewart has been elected as this year's president for the Houston Area Police

Chiefs Association (HAPCA). Mayor Jessup is excited about the Neighborhood Watch meetings that are currently being held at the Tactical Training Center. Mayor Jessup provided an update in Code Enforcement. The City is currently accepting application for a Code Enforcement officer. Residents are welcome to contact either Public Works, Police Department or the Mayor if they wish to report any violations.

Mayor Jessup then made the following comments: 1. The City had 23 EMS calls, 1 Fire/Carbon Monoxide alarm, and 14 other fire related incidents. 2. The Meadows Place City Council will be holding a Think Tank retreat to discuss goals and objectives for the future. 3) Road Use Fee would be used for road repairs and improvements that are similar to franchise fee that conceivably will cost residents roughly an additional \$1.81 on their solid waste bill if such fee was enacted.

Councilmember David Wilkens made a motion, second by Councilmember Isbell to adopt the minutes from the 10/23 Workshop and Regular Meetings.

Mayor Jessup then read the caption to the following Ordinance:

Consideration of and action on an ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the Act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System, “Updated Service Credits” in said system for service performed by qualifying members of such system who presently are members of the City of Meadows Place; providing for increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; and establishing an effective date for such actions.

Councilman John Isbell made a motion and seconded by Councilman Wilkens, to adopt the Ordinance, numbered **2012-37**, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of and action on corrections to minutes previously approved as follows: Change date in heading of 12/20/11 Workshop and Regular minutes from 12/22/11 to 12/20/11; change date in heading of 2/28/12 Regular meeting from 2/27/12 to 2/28/12; change heading of 8/28/12 special meeting from Workshop meeting to Special meeting; in the minutes of April 24, 2012 add the word “Workshop” to the minutes from the March 27, 2012 meeting that were approved.

Councilman Wilkens made a motion to approve amendments to the minutes and seconded by Councilman Whiteman. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Terry Morgan made a motion to ratify a bill to ECN for \$5,000.00 for cement work completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Terry Morgan made a motion to ratify a bill to Joe L. Salvide, for \$15,810.00 for curb, sidewalk repairs, water line breaks, and manhole repairs for the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman David Wilkens made a motion to ratify a bill to Randle Law Office, Ltd, L.L.P. for \$5,065.59 for legal services completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman Terry Morgan made a motion to ratify a bill to TCEQ for \$ 8,678.80 for Wastewater Treatment Permit work completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

Councilman John Whiteman made a motion to ratify a bill to Tyler Technologies for \$ 5,685.74 for new building software training completed in the city. Councilman Isbell seconded this motion which carried unanimously.

During audience comments, resident, Israel Morales of 11506 Dorrance. stated that his wife cannot walk on the sidewalk due to the cracks and damage. Mr. Morales asked if the City has a plan for repairing the sidewalks because they are in pretty bad shape. It is becoming difficult to walk especially in the evening with sidewalks being in this condition.

Shirley Isbell of 12326 Scottsdale Drive. Thanked Yolanda Wilson, City Secretary for the minutes being so clear and well written. Ms. Isbell commended Councilman John Isbell for negotiating discounted admission tickets to an art gallery. Pete Olson's party will be held at the Swinging Door in Richmond. Ms. Isbell stated that female input is desperately needed in the City and she along with other ladies are tired of it just being men making decisions. The City needs to hire a code enforcement officer soon as it will help the city's property values.

Chuck McClurkin of 11947 Brighton. Noticed statistical improvement in police statistics and commended the police department on doing a great job.

James Fields of 11706 Kangaroo Court. Engineer appreciates the City's effort on strategies for revenue for road improvement. It will take allot more than the road use fee the city is proposing. One road damage may cost more than estimated \$33,000 that may be collected through road use fee.

There being no further business to consider, Councilman Wilkens made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. With unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Yolanda M. Wilson, City Secretary